will be marketed during the transition period by the National Oil Companies only to the extent the same are required for domestic consumption. However, when the transition period is over in 2002-03, all private sector/ joint venture refineries with the minimum investment of Rs. 2,000 crore can market all their products including these five products. The private companies are free to market decontrolled products and other decanalised products through their own dealer network and at prices determined by them.

Commission of RPO Dealers

4094. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the formula for the increase in Commission of RPO dealers to compensate the increase in wages and salaries etc.;

(b) how much per kilo litre increase in MS and HSD Commission is given to RPO dealers with every increase of 100 points in AICPI; and

(c) how much increase in commission on MS and HSD has been given to the RPO dealers since 1993-94, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The current formula for increasing the Dealer's Commission for MS & HSD to compensate the increase in wages and salaries is as under:

$$\text{Revised Commission} = \text{Existing Commission} \times \frac{(1+F \times \text{New AICPI} - \text{old AICPI})}{\text{Old AICPI}}$$

F denotes the factor which is 0.05

The increase in commission of MS and HSD for increase in every 100 points of AICPI would depend both on the existing commission and the old AICPI.

(c) The details of increase in Commission of MS & HS dealers since 1993-94 are given in the Annexure

[*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 100]

LPG Agencies in Uttar Pradesh

4095. SHRI RAM NATH KOVID: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute fuel shortage rural areas, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, due to policy of conservation of forests and efforts to discourage use of wood;

(b) whether Government propose to open more agencies for supply of LPG in rural areas of the State; and

(c) if so, the number of such agencies proposed to be opened during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) in order to meet the fuel requirement of rural and semi-rural areas, it was decided to extend the LPG facility in these areas from the LPG Marketing Plan 1996—98 onwards. Accordingly 318 distributorships in urban/rural areas and 22 in rural areas have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1996-98 for Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Actual number of distributorships to be opened in current year will depend on various factors such as number of interviews for LPG distributorship conducted by the concerned Dealer Selection Boards, availability of land etc. It generally takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of a LPG distributorship from the date of advertisement.

Unleaded Petrol Outlets in Uttar Pradesh

4096. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of outlets of unleaded petrol of different oil companies at present functioning in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to open more such outlets in the State during the current year; and

(c) if so, the places where these are proposed to be opended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The total number of retail outlets selling unleaded petrol (ULP) in Uttar Pradesh at present is 239. The company-wise break-up is given below:—

IOC	BPC	HPC	IBP
99	59	49	32

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The locations of the retail outlets where ULP facility is proposed to be provided in Uttar Pradesh during the current year are given in the statement:

Proposed ULP Facilities

Location/District	Nos
IOC	
Barabanki	2
Etawah	2
Farukhabad	2
Fatehpur	2
Hamirpur	2
Hardoi	2
Jalaun	2
Jhansi	5
Kanpur (D)	2
Kanpur (U)	3
Lalitpur	1
Lucknow	2
Mahoba	2
Raebareli	2
Sitapur	2
Unnao	3
Mathura	2
Aligarh	2
Etah	2
Najibabad	1
Dehradun	2
Risikesh	2
Sambhal	1
Roorkee	1
Saharanpur	1
Harbartpur	1
Do wala	1
Moradabad	1
Bilaspur	1
Maigalganj	1
Tilhar	1
Powayan	1
Meerganj	1
Bijnor	1
Dhampur	1
Varanasi	1
Ghajipur	1
Jaunpur	1
Mughal Sarai	1
Azamgarh	1
Shaktinagar	1
Faizabad	1
TOTAL	67
HPC	
Varanasi	2
Jhansi	1
Shahajahanpur	1
Etawah	1
Bareilly	1
Badaun	1
Khataul	
Baghpat	1
Meerut	1
TOTAL	10
IBP	
Khataul	1
Aligarh	1
Saharanpur	1
Ramnagar	1
Hapur	1
Varanasi	1
Kanpur	2
Gorakhpur	1
TOTAL	9
BPC	
Rampur	1
Meerut	1
Dehradun	1
Bareilly	1
Lucknow	3
Kanpur	4

Location/District	Nos
Jhansi	1
Shahjahanpur	1
Bhognipur	1
Bhaonti	1
Phaphamu	1
Kunda	1
Allahabad	3
Gopiganj	1
Ghajipur	1
Gorakhpur	2
Dudhora	1
Sohawal	1
Varanasi	1
TOTAL	27

Oil Production from Oil Wells of Ankleshwar

4097. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) How much crude oil is being produced at Ankleshwar Annually with details of crude production during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plans to modernise the oil wells of Ankleshwar to increase the crude oil production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The Crude Oil Production from the oil fields at Ankleshwar during the last three years was as under:

Year	Oil Production (MMT)
1995-96	2.604
1996-97	2.566
1997-98	2.478

(b) and (c) The various steps taken to maintain/sustain oil production from the oil wells of Ankleshwar are as follows:--

(i) Implementation of water-injection and gas injection schemes to maintain the reservoir pressure.

(ii) Implementation of well stimulation jobs like acidisation, Hydrofracturing, Nitrogen service, water shut off jobs with Lignosulphate etc.

(iii) New technologies like Drain hole drilling, Side tracking, profile modification etc. have already been planned.

Boosting Oil Exploration

4098. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to boost oil exploration activity in the country;

(b) when the production of crude oil and gas is likely to increase significantly in the country; and

(c) the details of explored and unexplored basins in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The following measures are being taken to boost exploration for oil and gas in the country:--

1. Information upgradation of poorly/yet to be explored basins through regional geophysical surveys.
2. Extensive and intensive exploration in prospective basins/areas.
3. Increased use of 3D seismics.
4. Extensive exploration in deep water areas of offshore and frontier areas.
5. Application of new exploration technologies for better subsurface imaging.
6. Increased private participation under NELP.
7. Exploration and development of hydrocarbon resources like Coalbed Methane and Gas Hydrates.

(b) Crude oil production is expected to increase from 33.8 MMTs in 1997-98 to 37.0 MMTs in the final year of 9th Plan i.e. 2001-02 and the gas production is expected to increase from 26.0 BCM to 30.9 BCM over the same period.

(c) The details of explored and unexplored basins in the country are as follows:—